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Around the Army

Fort Eustis:

The Wheel reported Aug. 10 that high schoolers from throughout Virginia converged on Fort Eustis for four days as part of the Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge - Mountain. Cadets came from schools in Hampton, Newport News, Richmond, Carrollton, Powhatan County, Orange County and Franklin.

The exercise included a lot of what being an active-duty Soldier entails - making their own bunks; first aid training; mastering an elevated rope bridge connecting two trees; marksmanship; rappelling; land navigation; and an obstacle course.

For more on this story and other Fort Eustis, Va., news, visit www.militarynews.com/wheel/ on the Web.

Fort Stewart:

The Frontline reported Aug. 16 that the post would immediately close 16 of its remote boundary gates to increase safety and security of Soldiers and civilians and to protect the integrity of training areas.

Families can still gain access to Fort Stewart to visit cemeteries by making a request to the Public Affairs Office.

For more on this story and other Fort Stewart, Ga., news, visit www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?brd=1390 on the Web.

Fort Jackson:

The Leader reported Aug. 10 that Fort Jackson's garrison commander presented an award to the Chavez family for visiting the Recycling Center the most during a 45-day period as part of a recycling contest between 28 families residing in family housing.

For more on this story and other Fort Jackson, S.C., news, visit www.fortjackson-leader.com/ on the Web.

Stay in Step with Fort Riley

Tune in to Fort Riley cable channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

This week's show includes news of two Soldiers' death, the first graduation of a Military Transition Team trained on post, two Kansas rodeo queens and a rodeo clown visiting shoppers at the PX, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's combatives tournament during Dragon Week, the fourth and final installment in a four-part series on the history of the "Big Red One" and the deployment ceremony for the 541st Combat Support Sustainment Brigade.

The show also contains an interview with Mrs. Vicki Cody, author of "Your Soldier, Your Army, A Parents Guide."

Another story talks about the combat lifesaving class taught in Iraqi army basic training.

Viewers will also get a preview of the 2006 Soldier Show coming to Fort Riley.

Security 'test'



A Soldier playing the role of an Iraqi villager walks up to a smoking "Humvee" after it was declared hit by a simulated IED Aug. 8 during 1st Bn., 5th FA, SecFor training at Range 53.

Training 'smokes' 5th FA battery

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

"I'm just shot, I'm not dying," yelled a 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, Soldier.

After realizing that while sitting next to his blown up "Humvee" on the side of a gravel road, gunfire rattling to his left and right, he continued to do what he could to help a fellow Soldier whose arm was "blown off" during the simulated improvised explosive attack Aug. 8 at Range 53.

The Soldiers from Battery D were two of 15 who were training that morning and not the only simulated casualties.

"This is like the patrol from hell," said Capt. A.J. Besik, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, commander who was running the range. "If this much stuff ever happens to you in one day, just come in and take a week off."

All that "stuff" included being hit with IEDs, small arms fire, snipers and rocket propelled grenades and being accosted by

people playing the roles of Iraqi civilians.

The training gave the artillery Soldiers a chance to put together everything they had learned this summer while preparing to deploy as a security force company this fall.

"On the whole they're doing really well," said Btry. D Commander Capt. Parker Greene. They get to do the planning, briefing and executing. "This is more

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2 post Soldiers killed in Iraq

82nd Med. Co. Black Hawk crashes

Staff report

Two members of the 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) died in a helicopter accident in Iraq Aug. 8.

Sgt. Jeffrey S. Brown, 25, and Steven P. Mennemeyer, 26, died as a result of a UH-60 Black Hawk crash in the vicinity of Korean Village near Rubtbah, Iraq.

Brown was originally from Trinity Center, Calif., and served as a crew chief.

He entered the Army in July 2000 and arrived at Fort Riley in September 2003.

This was Brown's second deployment to Iraq with the 82nd Med. Co. to Iraq.

Mennemeyer was originally from Granite City, Ill., and served as a flight medic. He entered the Army in August 2002 and arrived at Fort Riley in February 2005.

This was Mennemeyer's second deployment to Iraq. He previously deployed with the 1st Armored Division.

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Sgt. Jeffrey Brown



Sgt. Steven Mennemeyer

Airports ban some liquids, gels

Military fliers leaving Manhattan Regional Airport face carry-on checks

Special to the Post

Airline passengers boarding planes at Manhattan Regional Airport will have to dispose of banned liquids and gels if carrying them when passing through security checkpoints.

The Transportation Security

Administration has changed security screening procedures at all U.S. airports. Passengers will not be permitted to bring any liquids or gels past the screening checkpoint or on board the plane, with a few exceptions.

Exceptions to the ban include baby formula or breast milk when

traveling with an infant, prescription medication with labels matching the passenger's name and certain essential non-prescription medication, such as insulin.

While baby formula, breast milk, and certain medications will be permitted past the screening checkpoint and onboard, passen-

gers should expect that those items will be subject to physical inspection. Passengers will not be required to taste these liquids in the presence of a security officer.

The original ban was implemented Aug. 10 in response to the British discovery of terrorist plans to use liquid explosives to create

bombs after take-off and to explode those bombs in flight.

TSA officials suggest, to the fullest extent possible, that passengers pack all liquids and gels - including shampoo, toothpaste, perfume, hair gel, sun lotion

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Friends, families and well-wishers gather Aug. 14 in King Field House to bid farewell to members of HHC, 541st CSSB, and the 1st Maint. Bn. ready to deploy to Iraq.

Post, others bid 'farewell'

541st CSSB, 1st Maint. Co. set to deploy

Staff report

Fort Riley said farewell to about 300 Soldiers taking part in a ceremony Aug. 14 at King Field House.

The Soldiers are assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, and the 1st Maintenance Company. They will deploy to Iraq for about one year to provide maintenance and logistics support to Coalition

forces.

This is the second deployment to Iraq for each company.

Col. Kevin O'Connell, commander of the Division Support Command, 1st Infantry Division, praised the gathered Soldiers for the role they will play in giving other people in the world the opportunity to achieve what America and other countries already have - democracy.

"The 541st (CSSB) was notified last fall they were going back

within 2 kilometers of their last deployment (site)," O'Connell told the audience filling bleachers inside the field house. From that time on they trained in earnest, he said. Now, "they are thoroughly prepared to deploy and to provide world-class logistical support."

O'Connell thanked the Soldiers' families for the sacrifice they are making with their Soldiers' deployment. He assured them, "Your Soldier will make a

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Deaths

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The incident is under investigation.

This incident brings the number of Fort Riley Soldiers who have died while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to 78, including 11 from reserve component units mobilized through Fort Riley.

In addition, 193 Soldiers, Marines and Airmen from 1st Infantry Division's Task Force Danger died in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism.

About 580 Fort Riley Soldiers are deployed in support of operations around the world.

A memorial service for Brown and Mennemeyer is scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 18 at Morris Hill Chapel on post.

Post, Army news briefly

Commander to address employees

The garrison commander's next address to the civilian workforce at Fort Riley is scheduled for 10 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 23 in Barlow Theater, Building 7866, on Custer Hill.

Employees need only attend one session.

Parking is available but carpooling is encouraged.

EEO office to move

The Equal Employment Opportunity office will be closed Aug. 21-25 because the office is moving.

Effective Aug. 28, EEO will be located in Building 404 on Pershing Avenue. Phone numbers will remain the same: 239-2595 and 239-3263.



Post/Heronemus

Soldiers of the 541st CSSB and 1st Maint. Co. salute during the national anthem played by the 1st Inf. Div. band at the deployment ceremony Aug. 14 in King Field House for the two units. The units will deploy to Iraq to perform security forces missions.

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difference" in winning the Global War on Terrorism.

Lt. Col. Howard Merritt, battalion commander, told everyone that the Soldiers of the 541st CSSB and 1st Maint. Co. have a reputation for excelling at everything they do. "They have a

proven track record," he said.

To the Soldiers, he acknowledged his belief that, "because of your true professionalism, there is no doubt you will get the job done. Remember our motto and be prepared to set the pace," he urged.

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Some Soldiers can transfer education benefits to family

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army announced July 21 the implementation of a pilot program allowing Soldiers re-enlisting in critical skills to transfer Montgomery GI Bill benefits to their spouses.

Enlisted Soldiers who have completed at least six years of service, re-enlist for a minimum of four years, qualify for a Selective Reenlistment Bonus and are entitled to a Zone B or Zone C bonus will have the option to transfer up

to 18 of 36 months of their MGIB entitlement.

Soldiers can choose between a full SRB or a slightly reduced SRB plus the ability to transfer more than \$18,000 in MGIB benefits.

The fiscal YEAR 2006 basic MGIB monthly benefit for full-time training is \$1,034. This benefit is also available but prorated for part-time enrollment.

Soldiers who elected the Army College Fund as an enlistment option or who have enrolled and

paid toward the \$600 MGIB Additional Opportunity can include their expanded benefit (MGIB, ACF and MGIB Additional Opportunity) in the transferability program.

The Army will study the results of the program with the possibility of making it a permanent part of the Army's re-enlistment policies.

Soldiers interested in participating in the program should visit their Army retention career counselor for information.

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and all other items with similar consistency in their checked baggage to minimize any delays at the screening checkpoint.

Some solid or powdered cosmetics items are permitted past the checkpoint; however, this is left to the discretion of the security officer. To minimize delays and hassle, TSA officials recommend that passengers pack all cosmetics in their checked baggage.

Beverages purchased in the boarding area beyond the screening checkpoint will not be allowed on board and must be consumed before boarding.

In the event a security officer identifies a prohibited item in your baggage, passengers will be required to either check that item with checked baggage or dispose of it at the checkpoint.

All passengers also are required to remove their shoes so they may be x-rayed with the passengers' carry-on bags.

Laptop computers, cellular phones, iPods and other portable electronic devices are still allowed onboard an aircraft. These items must still be screened at the security checkpoint.

These policies apply to all domestic and international flights

originating in the United States.

For flights to the United Kingdom, TSA security officers will perform an additional physical inspection of all carry-on baggage at the departure gate. For all other flights, random gate inspections will be conducted.

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People playing Iraqi villagers try to wave down Soldiers from 1st Bn., 5th FA, during a convoy exercise Aug. 8 at Range 53. *Post/Morelock*



A 1st Bn., 5th FA, gunner (top) engages the enemy while in front of his vehicle a group of Soldiers tends to their wounded buddy. The Soldier was pronounced "wounded" when a simulated IED exploded near his "Humvee" during the battery's SecFor training Aug. 8. *Post/Morelock*



Two Soldiers of 1st Bn., 5th FA, hook a tow strap between two "Humvees" during their SecFor training Aug. 8. The disabled vehicle was hit by an IED along the convoy route, according to the training scenario. *Post/Morelock*



Capt. A.J. Besik, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, briefs Soldiers of Btry D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, during their after action review Aug. 8. The "Dreadnaught" Soldiers, who returned from Iraq earlier this year, have been running the SecFor training range since June and have trained the seven SecFor companies deploying to Iraq this fall. *Post/Morelock*

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than they'll ever see at once."

The morning didn't start off too badly for the 1st Bn., 5th FA, Soldiers as they drove away from the tactical operations center escorting three logistic vehicles. While in Iraq, the security force companies will provide convoy security for 10 to 20 logistics vehicles traveling in convoys between forward operating bases.

"We try to simulate that to a certain extent here," Besik said of the training the "Dreadnaughts" have provided for the seven deploying SECFOR companies since June. "Unless they gave us about 30 tractor-trailers and the freedom to roam around Fort Riley, this is about as good as it's going to get."

Just down the road from the TOC, the 1st Bn., 5th FA, Soldiers drove into their first challenge. On the side of the road near several buildings was a white mini van with its hood propped open. "Iraqis" wandered up to the passing trucks calling to the Soldiers and motioning for food.

They have to decide whether to search it or go around, Greene explained while listening to the Soldiers in his battery via the radio in his "Humvee." The guy in charge, who had yet to drive up to the "village," can't see what's going on, Greene said.

Meanwhile, the lead vehicle had to pass the information to the convoy commander and headquarters over the radio. They're learning the importance of internal communications, he said.

After giving the villagers some food, the convoy moved on to the first two events, a complex attack from both sides of the road and an IED, which the Soldiers spotted and called in before it blew.

The convoy moved on, stopping next just short of a knotted black wire stretching across the road, one end disappearing under a cardboard box in the grassy ditch.

With the second IED cleared, the Soldiers motored on and straight into another one. The Soldiers approached another village

and were held up by the IED, which, according to the training scenario, exploded, disabled a vehicle and tore the arm off one of the Soldiers.

As two other Soldiers in the disabled vehicle converged on their wounded buddy, they got another lesson in communication. Small arms fire from both sides of the road disrupted their combat lifesaving efforts when a sniper, in the form of one of the observers, tapped the two Soldiers. "You're shot and you're shot," he said.

"Why aren't any of you guys covering them?" questioned another of the 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, trainers of the Soldiers standing around with weapons.

"They just got too involved in what was going on and didn't call it up," Greene said. The Soldiers were given as much as possible as fast as possible to force them to react, he explained.

Coming full circle, the convoy again passed the village and the mini-van alongside the road. This

time, as the convoy was stopped, Besik walked up behind the second "Humvee." "Sorry guys," he said as he pulled the pin and rolled a smoke grenade under the truck.

Inside the truck, filled with smoke from the simulated IED, Besik informed the crew of the gunner's injury. Outside the truck, the villagers wandered over. Some leaned in the windows talking and motioning to the Soldiers, others opened the rear of the truck taking whatever they found in the back of the "Humvee."

Getting the situation under control, the 1st Bn., 5th FA, Soldiers moved on, rounding the corner and pulling into the TOC, to prepare for their after action review.

They did about average, Besik said of the group's run-through.

Staff Sgt. Gregory Hill thought the convoy went "OK. There's a lot of stuff we need to improve on," the 1st Bn., 5th FA, radio transmission operator said. "It enlightened me on a lot of stuff."

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Ceremony set for 17 retirees

Military retirees to be honored at the 9 a.m. Aug. 30 retirement ceremony at Ware Parade Field in front of the post headquarters building will be:

Chief Warrant Officer John R. McLochin of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support);

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony E. Cady of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion;

Sgt. Maj. Michael R.S. Perez of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division;

1st Sgt. Kenneth E. Gillespie of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 125th Forward Support Battalion; Master Sgt. Adam P. Machell of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division;

Sgt. 1st Class John S. Kapteyn of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry; Sgt. 1st Class Eva M. Pearson of 1st U.S. Army Support Signal; Sgt. 1st Class Lance C. Antilla of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor; Sgt. 1st Class Todd D. Whitlock of Company A, 70th Eng. Bn.; Sgt. 1st Class Michael L. Robinson of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry; Sgt. 1st Class Steven J. Krpan of Co. D, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor; Staff Sgt. Charles T. Brumleve, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity;

Staff Sgt. Oliver L. Raglin Jr. of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor; and Sgt. Steven E. Batts of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor.

Civilian retirees will be: Mrs. Lucy P. Gonzalez of the Southwest Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Andy Atchison of the Directorate of Logistics and Mrs. Patricia Green of MEDDAC.

Manhattan to host Soldier Salute

The Soldier Salute on Poyntz will take place at 6 p.m. Aug. 24 in downtown Manhattan.

The 1st Infantry Division Band and Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard will lead a procession of Soldiers carrying the colors from brigades and battalions at Fort Riley from 5th and Poyntz to the plaza area of Manhattan Town Center.

A ceremony in Manhattan Town Center Plaza is planned with remarks from Manhattan Mayor Bruce Sneed and a Fort Riley dignitary.

City leaders organized the event to welcome back the "Big Red One."

Following the ceremony, the parade will proceed back to 5th and Poyntz.

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Employees train to get ahead in jobs

Fort Riley initiates program to improve employee workplace satisfaction

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

Twenty-nine post employees began a six-month pilot course July 26 in an effort to prepare themselves for leadership and supervisory positions.

The free Employee Development Program is the result of employee comments made on attitude surveys conducted on post the past few years and the U.S. Army Garrison commander's desire to improve the work environment on post, said Teresa Johnson, the program's coordinator.

Johnson is a member of the post's Employee Satisfaction Improvement Team set up at Col. "Ty" Smith's direction about two years ago to develop programs to improve the working environment at Fort Riley.

Although the surveys indicated employee and supervisor satisfaction levels had remained at constant levels over the years, Smith and the ESIT members wanted to see a higher level of satisfaction.

The team studied the survey results, listened to employee comments and looked at ways to remedy employee dissatisfaction before devising the first program aimed to achieve the garrison commander's goal of improving the post's civilian workforce environment.

Employees enrolled in the development program will meet for one eight-hour day each month through December. The program allows employees to attend on duty time and offers three college credit hours through Barton County Community Col-



ESIT photo

Garrison Commander Col. "Ty" Smith greets employees attending the first Employee Development Program class at Fort Riley July 26.

lege. BCCC's Mike Weltsch, Joel Lundstrom and Jim Bias will team teach the program.

Instruction will cover employee communication, technical writing, customer service training, leadership concepts, personal management and human resource development.

Classes are spaced out to one a month so the employees' absence from normal responsibilities will not adversely affect the workplace, Johnson said.

Also, it gives the students a month between classes to try to use what they were taught, she added, explaining that the instructor will begin each new class with a discussion about what employees experienced while trying to

use what they learned.

Weltsch said he felt reaction to the first class session was very positive. "The feedback forms we had filled out indicated that the attendees appreciated the course," he said.

The feedback sought attendee responses to three concerns. The instructors wanted to know if attendees found the subject matter addressed during the class was interesting, whether they learned something and if they could see a way to apply what was presented on the job.

On a scale of one to five, with five being the most positive response, "the average and median responses to these questions were over 4.5, which would indi-

cate that the students learned something they could use in their everyday work and that they enjoyed learning," Weltsch said.

A second class will begin in January, Johnson said. Any employee in grades GS2 through GS7 can apply to attend. Each directorate on post is given a quota to fill, and employees must get approval from their supervisor to attend, she said.

For more information on the program, employees can talk to their directorate's ESIT member or call Kristi Money Penny at 239-8439 or Johnson at 239-8990.

Mike Heronemus can be contacted at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or 239-8854.

First students

James Wade, DMWR
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Joy Baker, DMWR
JoAnn Davis, DMWR
Tim Cox, DOIM
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Tasha Jones, ISO
Thomas Anderson, ISO
Walter Hill, ISO
Carla Horsager, DOC
Jade Smith, DPTMS
Debra Clark, DPTMS
Tess Sprau, DOL
Christine Hall, DOL
Victoria Blesner, Chaplain
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Tim Heggins, DPW
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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Many holidays, such as Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day have obvious meanings why they are celebrated. Why should America continue to celebrate Labor Day the first Monday in September?



"Originally the holiday was to honor workers after the laborers' revolution for more rights. We ought to keep the holiday even though many don't know what it's about, because we have the 40-hour work week, overtime and 12-year-olds don't work in factories."

Spc. Zachary Clifford
Combat medic
Co. B, 125th FSB
Hometown: El Dorado Springs, Mo.



"I don't really see a purpose. Don't even know why we have a Labor Day. I guess it's a good day for bankers; it's another holiday for them."

Jed Dusseau
Employee
International Electric, Inc.
Hometown: Salina, Kan.



"Personally, I think we should celebrate it. I'm a working man. I deserve a day off. People should think about the working man (on Labor Day)."

Charles Groseclose
Builds vehicles for the Army
Textron Marine and Land Systems
Hometown: Slidell, La.



"We should have the same mindset about celebrating the holiday that people did years ago. The country should reflect on the fact that people are still working even though our brothers and sisters are deployed overseas, that people are working to keep the country together."

Maj. William Leevaine
Training for deployment
National Police Transition Team 312
Hometown: New Orleans



"We should just think a lot about the hard-working people in the world. With the high temperatures we've had in Kansas, just to honor the fact that people kept working outdoors. Just the fact people can work for a living."

Randi Weller
Language arts teacher
Fort Riley Middle School
Hometown: Marysville, Kan.

Letters to the editor:

Letters to the editor containing personal opinions on topics of interest to Post readers can be e-mailed to mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to 239-2592. Letters must contain no libelous statement or personal accusations and must include the full name and a telephone number where the writer can be reached. Letters may be edited to fit space on this page but will not be edited to change the writer's viewpoint.

By Ed Beemer**Information Assurance and Compliance Office**

People manage not to lose some things. Super Bowl passes, plane tickets to Tahiti, pictures of loved ones and family heirlooms, for example. Official government computer assets seem to fall into another category.

Headlines and evening news reports often contain stories of lost computers containing valuable and sensitive data that could compromise the identity and safety of thousands of people. This is unfortunately true of Army computer equipment as well.

Two factors seem to be the main causes for the loss of valuable computer hardware by Army personnel and contractors: carelessness and misplaced entrepreneurial spirit. Carelessness is a human characteristic. Few of us have not left our wallet, car keys or briefcase



somewhere when we were in a hurry or distracted. Usually we can just go back and reclaim them. Sometimes they're lost for good, and that leads to a difficult, time-consuming process to recreate those lost items and results in a lesson not soon forgotten.

The more valuable an object the more closely one guards it. It may come as a surprise then that Army computers and memory devices often are lost or stolen because of irresponsibility. What makes it more surprising is that many contain information that could put Soldiers in danger.

Computers and related equipment are obviously prime targets for thieves. Often they are simply after the equipment and are not

aware of the value of the data on the hard drive.

The growing trend in identity theft and the ease of acquiring removable memory and hard drives through commercial resell services is quickly compounding the risks to these devices.

Casual thieves simply resell it without regard for the data on the devices. Professional criminals and intelligence organizations pay far more than the physical value of the drives in a gamble to obtain the sensitive data that is retrievable from these devices.

A few common sense precautions can prevent the loss or theft of equipment and valuable data.

- Ensure that all mobile computing equipment is stored as securely as possible when not in your personal possession.
- Use all available protection options for computer and network access.
- Keep computers and memory devices under close watch when in your personal possession.

especially when traveling. Theft of computer equipment is often an opportunistic crime. Even a few moments of not paying attention can lead to lost machines, data and careers.

While responsibility for valuable equipment and sensitive data is taken seriously by the vast majority of Army personnel, far too many Army computers and memory units are found for sale in foreign markets.

Some unscrupulous and opportunistic individuals seem to think that profit from the illegal sale of taxpayer-funded equipment is more important than the potential risk to American Soldiers. These individuals will steal or otherwise misappropriate computer assets regardless of the value of the information, software or network portals they contain.

All Soldiers, civilian personnel and contractors should realize that the availability of U.S. Army equipment on the open market increases the chances of our enemies obtaining valuable intel on how to get past Army safeguards and gain access to sensitive information.

Soldiers and their families are subject to too many threats without giving the enemy extra opportunities for the sake of a few bucks.

Child safety

Pool rules protect children in housing

By Vanita Fiedler**Post Safety Office**

Did you know that drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death among children ages 1 to 14? Did you know that a child can drown in as little as 1 inch of water?

Drowning can occur during water recreation, such as swimming and boating, or when a young child is left unsupervised for a short time in the bathtub or around the home with access to nearby pools and hot tubs.

Did you know that drowning is usually quick and silent?

Consciousness is lost after two minutes of submersion, and after four to six minutes of submersion, irreversible brain damage will occur.

Tips for preventing drowning:

- Never take your eyes off children in the pool, not even for a moment.

- Designate a water watcher and take turns with being on watch.

- Do not rely on inflatable toys;
- Ensure gates to the pool area or hot tub area are latched; and
- Learn infant and child CPR.

If you would like more information on swimming safety, visit the Safety Kids Worldwide Web site at <http://www.safekids.org>.

Fort Riley residence are advised to read the Picerne Military Housing Resident Responsibility Guide; it outlines the policy for swimming pools and hot tubs on Fort Riley.

Only "small" wading pools 12 inches or less in height and no more than 10 feet wide may be positioned in the back yard on grass areas and must be emptied daily and removed when not in use.

Residents are required to repair any property damage that occurs because of these wading pools.

Hot tubs are prohibited without prior written permission, and they must be installed professionally with appropriate safety equipment.

Letter to editor

Role players vital to military training

I'm new to the area and have just read an interesting article in your paper, "Transition team training brings Iraq to Kansas" by Jennifer Thacker (July 28).

It was interesting to me because she wrote about the contracted employees who are portraying the citizens of the town. I have just come from Fort

Polk, La., where I did that job for more than two years. I was thrilled to hear they did that here. That job was one of the most rewarding jobs I've ever had. I'm an Army spouse of 22 years and I really felt it was important to the training of Soldiers and I was contributing to saving lives.

Christina McCoy
Military spouse

Grunt By Wayne Udden

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Going to toss it? Think again!

IG: Turn-in turmoil no reason to waste items

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Remissioning turbulence at Fort Riley contributes to Soldiers thinking about taking the easy way to dispose of unit supplies and equipment no longer needed, staff members in the post's Inspector General's office admit.

But, agencies on post are doing what they can to help units redistribute those items properly, said Col. James Gray, the inspector general.

Faced with turning in or laterally transferring thousands of pieces of equipment and disposing of trucks full of unneeded supplies, Soldiers may face the temptation of taking shortcuts, such as throwing unserviceable or unneeded items away, he said.

Some Soldiers have succumbed to that temptation, he added. IG teams have been called to check into some instances that

indicate waste of Army items, including discovery of discarded serviceable communications equipment wiring harnesses, cases of unexpired Meals Ready to Eat and 53 M100s (face mask filters) good until February 2009.

"There's a proper way to dispose of anything the Army owns," Gray cautioned, and units and supply Soldiers need to turn in and transfer that property correctly. Throwing a case of MREs in the dumpster is a waste of Army supplies and taxpayer dollars and a case of fraud, waste and abuse, he said.

Special teams help units

To help the process, Gray set up members of his staff to conduct Remissioning Assistance Visits to units reducing the number of people assigned and the amount of equipment needed to

Who to contact:

Inspector General's office
– Maj. Jeffrey Schultz or
Capt. Joe Anderson, team
members, 239-1580
Records management
help – Emilie Howe, 239-
2901
DRMO – Mickie Davies,
239-0531, ext. 931; Bill
McDonald, ext. 903; receiv-
ing, ext. 915 or 945

accomplish their new missions.

Those teams contain senior noncommissioned officers with logistics, maintenance and communications expertise, Gray said. The RAVs try to help units go through the right channels to properly dispose of what they don't need instead of conducting normal IG inspections to determine if something's been done

wrong, he explained.

Directorate of Information Management records experts also are involved with helping units do the right thing.

Emilie Howe and Mike Westphal track unit record transfers and have been proactive about helping units take care of records disposition when deploying or being redesignated, Howe said.

Records must be handled right

"Records are critical because they contain a Soldier's medical information, awards, training and Leave and Earnings statements," she pointed out. That is information that shouldn't be discarded, she said, confirming that some unit records containing personal information have been found in dumpsters on post.

That information should always be shredded or transferred

to the records holding area on post, she said, especially in these times when personal identification theft is such a concern.

Personal information, including a Soldier's Social Security Number, home address, and phone numbers are not supposed to be available to just anyone without the Soldier's permission or unless people in the Soldier's chain of command need it, Howe said.

To avoid such occurrences, she and Westphal offer to identify

records that units should save or transfer to the holding area before they handle them incorrectly, like packing them in CONEX containers with other pieces of inventory the unit will need when it returns from deployment, Howe said.

In some cases, early transfer to the records holding area can be done so the records will be available if needed by unit leaders or next of kin, she added. They might not be available if packed

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125th FSB eases equipment transfers

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

With units needing to turn in excess equipment and supplies, Soldiers of the 125th Forward Support Battalion set up a "log rodeo" earlier this year to put those unneeded items into the hands of units needing them.

Maj. Dave Casey, a member of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team staff, ran the 125th FSB warehouse operation that allowed all 3rd BCT units a quick easy way to laterally transfer Army equipment, supply items and office supplies to other units and organizations on post.

From March through May, his small group of Soldiers processed

10,292 items – 1,555 different types – ranging from office supplies to tools to tarps and tents.

After collecting the items from units that didn't need them anymore, Casey opened his warehouse doors to other units and organizations on post so authorized supply specialists could browse through the items and pick up things they needed – for free.

If a unit needed a water can, block and tackle chains, fans, tool chests, chemical lights, hand tools, fire extinguishers, shovels or something else available in the warehouse, the units picked it out and filled an equipment need without having to spend money for new equipment, he said.

The new 4th Infantry Brigade

Combat Team benefited greatly from items its Soldiers found at the "log rodeo," said Maj. Nathan Swartz, 4th IBCT S4.

"We received 3,156 pieces of equipment (ranging) from trucks to NBC (nuclear, biological and chemical) masks to basic issue items," he said. The brigade even picked up some night lights for weapons, Swartz said.

None of the items were new, Swartz reminded. "They had just come back from a combat zone, but they will get us to where (we) need to be for training."

Swartz estimated the brigade saved close to \$6 million in equipment costs by assimilating the used equipment, not to mention saving the time it would have

taken to obtain new items through normal supply channels.

A big plus for units picking up items was having it separated by type and knowing the items were serviceable, said Maj. Michael O'Neill, 125th FSB commander. O'Neill's Soldiers made sure all the items being redistributed were serviceable.

Some unserviceable items were turned in by the 3rd BCT units. The 125th FSB will dispose of those unserviceable items in accordance with established Army procedures, he added.

So, the units turning in equipment saved some time by not having to go through the paperwork drill of turning in items, O'Neill pointed out.

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Artists create lifelike prostheses for amputees

By Donna Miles
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Seeing his artistry on the big screen was a bit of a rush, but former Hollywood sculptor Chuck O'Brien said it's nothing compared to the satisfaction he gets using his art to help transform military amputees.

"You can't go wrong working with heroes," O'Brien said as he sat beside two colleagues in a broom closet-sized room at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The three artists, from Connecticut-based Alternative Prosthetics Services, travel to Walter Reed several times a month to create artificial body parts that are almost impossible to tell from the real thing.

During a recent session, Spc. Adam Standfuss looked on as O'Brien and Robert Rubino worked their magic on silicone molds of his left arm and damaged right hand.

The 24-year-old Minnesota Army National Guardsman was wounded in September when a rocket-propelled grenade pierced his "Humvee" in Baghdad. He lost his left arm just above the elbow and the pinkie and ring finger on his right hand.

Standfuss said his recovery is progressing well. He was strong enough in late November, just two months after being wounded, to welcome home his fellow Guardsmen from the 151st Field Artillery

Regiment. Last month he made another milestone, checking out of Walter Reed to receive community-based care closer to home.

At first, the stares Standfuss got when he went out in public troubled him, but he said he's gotten used to them. "Now it's just a fact of life," he said with a shrug.

Even so, he jumped at the chance to return to Walter Reed to have a realistic, custom-designed arm and hand to replace what he'd lost. "Feeling whole again is what I'm looking forward to most," he said as he sat under a hot white light, watching Rubino paint a silicone "sleeve" to slide over his right hand.

Rubino described the painstaking process that goes into making a true-to-life prosthesis.

First, the artists take initial impressions of servicemembers' remaining limbs and hands and residual parts of amputated limbs using liquid silicone that dries in about five minutes and takes on the appearance of cake frosting.

Next comes the most time-intensive part of the project, sculpting wax replicas of the missing limbs. From that, the artists create a mold and then coat the inside with a thin layer of silicone to create a new silicone skin.

Once they're satisfied with the product, they begin painting, applying multiple layers of paint to the inside of the silicone so it won't wash or rub off.

Standfuss stretched his right



Walter Reed AMC/Dukes
Spc. Adam Standfuss, a Minnesota Army National Guardsman wounded in Iraq, looks on as artist Robert Rubino paints a new artificial hand for him at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

hand out on a table under bright white lights as Rubino mixed blue, yellow and red paint to match his skin tone. Rubino ignored the suntanned forearms and focused on the undersides and palms, which more closely match Standfuss' year-round skin color.

"Extremities are always changing color due to sun exposure or exertion," Rubino explained. "So we go a little lighter and match the parts that don't suntan." He added slight dabs of pink to his paint canisters for the knuckle and

nail areas of the hand and a hint of green where veins would run.

Darker-skinned amputees are a bit more difficult to match, Rubino said. Sometimes he applies real hairs to the inside of the mold to add realism. Other times he adds freckles or moles or touches up tattoos. The result is so realistic that some people do double takes when they walk past the opened door to the workshop.

Creating such realism is a long process. "We started at about 10:30 this morning and we'll be at

it until about 8 tonight," Rubino said. He estimated that the prosthesis would take 36 hours to produce – about 12 hours for each of the three artists.

The project gives plenty of other amputees at Walter Reed an opportunity to see the artists' work. "A lot of people are interested and ask questions about what we're doing," Rubino said.

Among them was Ed Salau, a North Carolina National Guardsman who lost his left leg when an RPG penetrated the hull of his Bradley Fighting Vehicle during an ambush in Tikrit, Iraq.

Like many of his fellow amputees at Walter Reed, Salau wears his stump like a badge of honor. "I'm proud of the situation I'm in, and think it's important that it's known," he said.

Yet Salau said he looks forward to the point where he, too, has healed enough to get a custom-made prosthetic leg at Walter Reed.

At Duke University Medical Center, where he receives his care, Salau's doctors had offered to create a Styrofoam likeness of his missing leg and paint it. "I told them to keep it," he said, watching Rubino paint Standfuss' new hand. "This is what I want."

Rubino never imagined he'd spend his career creating prostheses. He originally went to school to study architecture and then became a painter and sculptor. He said he "fell into" the prosthesis

business six years ago. He figures he's probably worked with about 100 military amputees since the beginning of the war in Iraq.

O'Brien went to art school to study illustration but knew he "didn't want to design bank brochures for the rest of my life." He went to makeup school in Hollywood and ended up working for a Hollywood effects lab, creating silicon cadavers and body parts for television programs like "CSI: Miami." "The X-Files" and movies, including "Charlie's Angels 2: Full Throttle."

He said two things drove him from the entertainment business: the "nasty chemicals" he regularly worked with and the boom in animation he feared would cut his career short. His mother and wife saw a TV program about prostheses artists and encouraged him toward his new career.

"It's pretty neat to see things you worked on on the big screen, but it's no comparison to what you get out of this," he said as he molded Standfuss' left arm. "This is way more rewarding."

"It's an exciting feeling to see the smiles on their faces," Rubino said of the reaction troops have when they see their new prostheses for the first time. "It's nice to see the reaction and know that you did a little something for them."

Sean Curtin, whose brother

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Event honors equality day

The division Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor Fort Riley's celebration of Women's Equality Day from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Aug. 25 at Riley's Conference Center.

The theme for the celebration is "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote." The program is free and open to all Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and members of surrounding communities.

Ordnance unit to deploy

A deployment ceremony for the 774th Explosive Ordnance Detachment based at Fort Riley is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Aug. 21 at Riley's Conference Center.

Warrant officer board slated

The next and last board for fiscal year 2006 is in September. The following warrant officer MOSs are in critical need:

215D Geospatial Information Technician = 21U and 21S
311A CID Special Agent = 31D
350Z Attaché Technician = All MOSs with ASI 7
351L Counterintelligence Technician = 97B
351M Human Intelligence Collection Technician = 97E
352P Voice Intercept Technician (Korean) = 98G
352S Non Morse Intercept Technician = 98K
880A Marine Deck Officer = 88K
890A Ammunition Technician = 89B and 89D
913A Armament Repair Technician = 45B, 45G, and 45K
914A Allied Trades Technician = 44B and 44E
921A Airdrop Systems Technician = 92R

The Warrant Officer Career Center is giving credit for BNCOC, ANCOC and PLDC/WLC graduates towards WOCS. Instead of six weeks and four days, the class will be four weeks and four days as of Jan. 1.

For more information on becoming a U.S. Army Warrant Officer, visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant on the Web or send e-mail to wo-team@usarec.army.mil.

Applications sought for JAG

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense, if funding permits.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2007 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of Army Regulation 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test.

Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, ATTN DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received before Nov. 1.

Interested officers should contact the Fort Riley Staff Judge Advocate's Office at 239-2217 for more information.

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into a CONEX, she pointed out.

Records containing information protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 but not necessary to keep in accordance with provisions of the Army Records Management System should be shredded, she said.

Unserviceable equipment and scrap items should not be tossed in dumpsters, either, Gray said. Such items can be taken to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office on post.

People there will arrange for sale of the items to authorized bidders, thereby regaining some money for the Department of Defense from material that otherwise winds up in trash dumps.

Mickie Davies at DRMO on Fort Riley said serviceable and unserviceable property as well as scrap metal can be turned into her organization, but it takes paper-

work filled out properly to do that.

One way to ease the process is to use the Electronic Turn-in Document available online to submit drafts to the DRMO for approval.

That lets supply clerks complete the paperwork in the comfort of their offices instead of standing around at DRMO filling in needed information on the required document, she said.

DRMO employees will teach supply specialists how to use the ETID at their unit or at DRMO and set up a password for the user to get them started, Davies said. "We've been doing that for two years now."

Although she often hears Soldiers complain that DRMO employees just don't want to do the paperwork, Davies pointed out that it is the unit's responsibility to fill out paperwork for items to be turned in.

She offered another tip to units bringing items to the DRMO yard in Camp Funston for turn-in:

"Load the truck in such a way that the paperwork matches what is unloaded first to last. That will save them and us a lot of time," she suggested.

DRMO also provides assistance to units unpacking CONEX containers with items they will be turning in, Davies said. Units who want that assistance should call Bill McDonald at 239-0531, extension 903.

Staff at the receiving dock also welcome questions about turn-in procedures, Davies said. They can be reached at 239-0531, extension 915 or 945.

Mike Heronemus can be contacted at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or 239-8854.

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Michael founded the business, said he wishes everyone at the home office in Fairfield, Conn., could meet the Walter Reed

patients they're helping. "It's so gratifying, especially when you see the final product and watch the final fitting," he said. "That's when it really hits home, when you see the patients' reactions and realize what it means to them."

"I'm really excited to have something on my arm and to be able to blend in a little better," Standfuss said. He's particularly pleased that he'll look good in photos to be taken at his wedding in August.

But even after being fitted with his new prostheses, Standfuss knows his recovery is far from over. More surgeries await him, not only on his hand, but also on his eardrums and the tiny

bones in his ears that shattered when the RPG exploded in his home office in Fairfield, Conn.

Standfuss isn't dwelling on that. For now, he said, he's just feeling very lucky — lucky that he wasn't killed in the RPG attack, that his fellow Guardsmen made it out alive, that he's now able to get medical care closer to home, and that three artists are creating a new lifelike set of prostheses for him. "I feel really fortunate to have them here," he said.

He admits he felt pretty depressed when he first lost his arm and fingers.

The new prostheses will go a long way toward his recovery. "Being able to blend in a little more is going to be really great," he said. "In some ways, I think this is going to be life-changing."

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'Shoothouse' allows live rounds on targets

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

The Army is spending more than \$14 million to train Soldiers at Fort Riley how to shoot inside buildings without killing an innocent person or their "Battle Buddy."

The first group to go through the new "Shoothouse," one part of that construction, was Military Transition Team No. 4, a replacement team. MTT Capt. Bret Bellizio said the new facility is one of the best he's seen.

In the past, units at Fort Riley conducted room clearing exercises in World War II-era wooden barracks set up as Military Operations in Urban Terrain villages or more recently, the CONEX-constructed urban clusters.

Soldiers had to use blank rounds while training in those facilities. Now, units have a live-fire option when it comes to clearing buildings and preparing for urban warfare — the "Shoot-

house," one part of the \$14 million-plus urban operations assault course being built on post.

The "Shoothouse" walls are built with shock absorbing concrete blocks 3 feet by 3 feet square.

The blocks allow penetration of bullets to about four or five inches after they enter the block, preventing ricochets.

To reduce other ricochets, the floor is covered with rubber tiles over about 2 feet of sand. All of that rests on a concrete pad and the buildings walls are covered by roof shelter to keep it protected from weather.

Darryl Becker, a range control employee, said the "Shoothouse" will be used to help train Soldiers going into urban warfare how to keep from shooting the wrong people.

"Being in the heat of battle, sometimes you really can't make that determination to see if it's right or not," he said. "That's what they're trying to train."

Observers on a catwalk above



Post/Morelock

From the catwalk in the "Shoothouse," observers get a bird's eye view of the maze of rooms in the live-fire facility. The red line designates the point Soldiers can't shoot above.

the walls can watch training Soldiers roaming the maze-like concrete halls of the "Shoothouse." A thick red line painted about three-quarters of the way up each wall designates where the shooting stops.

In case of an emergency, several bright red "stop" buttons are placed throughout the facility. "If there's a problem, if someone is not where they're supposed to be and in danger of being shot, you can press the button and set off a

siren," Becker said. At the sound, all action stops.

Bellizio praised the facility because of the building's size, its catwalk and the roof over the facility, which allows it to be used in all kinds of weather.

Automated targets had not been installed in the "Shoothouse" when the first transition team went through it, but static targets had been installed in the rooms so Soldiers could learn to discriminate about who to shoot at and who not to shoot at, Becker said.

"One of your targets could be a small child popping up, and you have to (decide), do I shoot that or do I not," he explained.

Eventually, a couple of three-dimensional targets will be placed in each room. Depending on the equipment the post decides to buy, the targets could actually get up from a chair and then turn toward the Soldiers.

"You have to discriminate whether he's got a weapon that he's trying to bring to bear on you

or he doesn't," Becker said about the possible targets.

Besides targets, the shoothouse is equipped with doors and holes that can be blown out and loudspeakers which can pump in any kind of sounds the training unit chooses.

The "Shoothouse" is part of a five-part urban assault operations course first devised by the Army after events in Mogadishu in 1993. Many people will remember the Somalia situation from television coverage and from the book and movie "Black Hawk Down," which was based on the event.

The Army realized it was ill-equipped and ill-trained for urban assault operations, Becker said. That's when they came up with the plans for the five-part urban assault course.

The four other sections of the course include individual training, breach facilities, an urban offensive and defensive building and "Victory Village," the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility.

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Community news briefly

Youth classes scheduled

Child and Youth Services at Fort Riley have scheduled the following classes and activity:
Aug. 19 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Red Cross Baby-sitting Class
Aug. 19 – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Home Alone Training
Aug. 25 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Youth Sports Family Fitness Night at Teen Center
 For more information, call CYS at 239-9173

Parish plans August picnic

The Fort Riley Catholic Community will hold its annual parish picnic Aug. 27 at Moon Lake. Parishioners may attend the outdoor Catholic Mass at 10 a.m. at Moon Lake. This is the only Sunday Mass that will be held on that day.

Immediately after the Mass, the parish will host the picnic. Meat, bread and some drinks will be provided. Families whose last name begins with A-M should bring a side dish to share. Families whose last name begins with N-Z should bring a dessert to share. Everyone should bring their own lawn chairs.

For more information, call the parish office at 239-4815 or 239-4814.

Parents offered 'time out' class

The New Parent Support Program at Fort Riley will host a "How to Effectively Use Time-Out with Your Child" class from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 24 at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

This session will help parents increase cooperative behavior from their children and teach the effective use of "time-out," to include how to keep them in time-out.

Child care for up to 20 children will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents must provide shot records and RSV by noon Aug. 22.

Call the SFSC at 239-9435.

Families invited to barbecue

The staff at the Main Post Chapel invites Fort Riley families to their second annual Welcome to Fort Riley Barbecue from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 20.

The outing offers the chance to meet neighbors, listen to gospel country music and enjoy barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs.

Games and activities are planned for the whole family, as well as information regarding children, teen and adult ministries. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert and lawn chairs.

The Main Post Chapel is located at 6 Barry Ave., off Huebner Road.

For more information, call 239-6597.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Heading back



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Bob Forman, a seventh grade teacher, points two students to where they need to go to pick up their schedules on the first day of school Aug. 15 at Fort Riley Middle School.

Another year begins for USD 475 students

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Excited chatter and happy reunions filled the air as students crowded around the front doors of Fort Riley Middle School Aug. 15 for their first day back to school.

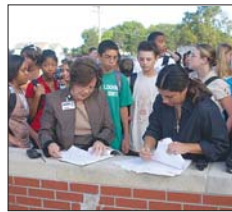
Seventh-graders Cody Skinner and Daniel Briggs said the day was especially exciting because their friend Steve Sparks was back with them from visiting his mom in Oregon over the summer. The three students, backpacks slung over their shoulders, were one of many groups milling about the schoolyard before classes began.

Along a brick wall leading to the school, school staff members handed out schedules. Traffic stopped in front of the school as the crossing guard held up her stop sign so students and parents could cross. Students on bikes coasted up, stopped and secured their bikes to the bike rack. Buses unloaded streams of students to join the already bustling crowd.

Sparks, Briggs and Skinner all had fun summers, they said. Sparks went to Oregon, Skinner visited a camp in Nebraska and Briggs spent time with his dad in Georgia. All three agreed they were ready to head back to the classroom though – or at least the football field.

Briggs said without hesitation that he was looking forward to football. "Getting to win our first game, hopefully," Sparks chimed in.

The half day for the middle school students started as the bell rang at 8:27 a.m., signaling the end of their summer and the beginning of the school year for students across Fort Riley and Geary County Unified School District 475.



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Assistant Principal Retta Kramer (left) and Denise Jones, student support monitor, pass out schedules to students on the first day of school Aug. 15 at Fort Riley Middle School.

Army launches two podcasts for Soldiers

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Army has launched two new podcasts to its lineup: "Army Today" and "Soldiers' Forum."

"Army Today" is a daily, two-minute audiovisual feature produced by Soldiers Radio and Television. "Soldiers' Forum" is a weekly product through which Sgt. Major of the Army Kenneth Preston addresses issues concerning enlisted Soldiers.

"This is a great way to keep Soldiers in the United States and

those deployed to some 120 countries informed on issues affecting them," Preston said. "So far, we've produced spots on motorcycle safety, the BOSS program and the Wounded Warrior Program."

Soldiers unfamiliar with podcasting technology may think of it as Internet broadcasting, or a method of publishing audio and video broadcasts normally seen on television via the Internet.

"Podcasting" combines the words "broadcasting" and "iPod," but users do not need an iPod or portable media player to view podcasts.

Podcasts can be viewed on the user's computer or downloaded to a portable media player, such as an iPod, MP3 or cell phone capable of storing and playing audio/video media (for example, the BlackBerry or Treo).

This portability allows users to pick the content they want without all the Web page graphics, then download and view at their convenience.

To download podcasts, users must have RSS-recognition (Real Simple Syndication) software on their computers. Free podcasting software includes iTunes at www.itunes.com, Juice at juicer-

ceiver.sourceforge.net and Happy Fish at happyfish.sourceforge.net/happyfish.

After installing RSS software, Soldiers can subscribe to Army podcasts at www.army.mil/rss.

The Army began producing podcasts in March 2006 with "Army Racing," a weekly series that follows the exploits of Army NASCAR driver Joe Nemecek, Army Top Fuel dragster Tony "The Sarge" Shumacher and pro stock motorcycle speedsters Angelle Sampey and Antron Brown. The Army's second podcast was "Army Newswatch," a biweekly video program produced by Soldiers Radio and Television.

Caution advised when using supplements

By Bethany Deschamps
Chief, Nutrition Care Division

In our society, there seems to be a supplement for everything... weight loss, improved bone health, bigger muscles, better joints, heart health, improved carbohydrate utilization, fat loss, digestive health, the list goes on and on.

Two types of supplements exist: dietary and ergogenic. A dietary supplement is a product intended for ingestion to enhance performance, generally sports related. This would include weight and fat loss supplements, creatine, HMB and other performance supplements. Before 1994, the Food and



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amino acids, protein powders and meal replacement powders.

An ergogenic supplement is a product intended for ingestion to enhance performance, generally sports related. This would include weight and fat loss supplements, creatine, HMB and other performance supplements. Before 1994, the Food and

Drug Administration tightly regulated the supplement industry.

That is why there were very few supplements on the market. However, in 1994, Congress passed the Dietary Supplement and Education Health Act. This act removed FDA regulation over dietary supplements and created a virtually unregulated industry.

To get a good understanding on how unregulated the industry is, imagine this:

Joe X decides to develop a supplement. He creates his pill, makes a label to put on his bottle and sends a letter to the FDA stating there are "no expectations of any negative side effects from this product."

After that, he can sell it as a supplement. The only constraint on the way he markets his product is he cannot state his supplement prevents or cures a disease. Under the DSEA, no ingredients in supplements have to be

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AAFES to show 1st-run movie

"Beerfest" showcases beer Olympics

AAFES

The Army and Air Force Exchange System will present a free first-run movie, "Beerfest," at 3 p.m. Aug. 19 in Barlow Theater on post.

Tickets must be attained in advance and are available at the Sports Page Anthony's Pizza, the PX Food Court Anthony's Pizza and at the PX customer service counter.

If tickets remain to fill up the theater, they will be given out at the theater 15 minutes before the movie starts, said Stan Young, Fort Riley Post Exchange manager.

When American brothers Todd and Jan Wolfhouse (Erik Stolhanske and Paul Soter) are sent to Germany on a mission to spread their grandfather's ashes at Oktoberfest, they stumble upon a super-secret, centuries-old, underground beer games competition – Beerfest – the Olympics of beer drinking.

At Beerfest, the brothers receive a less than warm welcome from their German cousins, the Von Wolfhausens, who shun Todd and Jan, slander their heritage and, worst of all, drink them under the table.

Vowing to return in a year to defend their country and their family's honor, the Wolfhouse boys assemble a ragtag dream team of beer drinkers and gamblers.

Barry Badrinath (Jay Chandrasekhar), a consummate skills player with a dark past;

Phil Krundle (Kevin Heffernan) AKA "Landfill," the one-man chugging machine; and

Steve "Fink" Finklestein (Steve Lemme), the lab tech with a master's degree in All Things Beer.

With the inspiration of their Great Gam Gam (Cloris Leachman) and the support of her caretaker, Cherry (Mo'Nique), this "Magnificent Five" train relentlessly, using their hearts, minds and lives to drink faster, smarter and harder than they ever have before.

The movie comes to theaters via Warner Bros. Pictures, in association with Legendary Pictures, a Gerber Pictures/Cataland Films /Broken Lizard Production, from the team behind the cult-hit "Super Troopers," "Beerfest," and stars the Broken Lizard comedy group of Chandrasekhar, Heffernan, Lemme, Soter and Stolhanske.

Joining the cast are Will Forte ("Saturday Night Live"), Ralf Moeller ("Gladiator"), Mo'Nique (Soul Plane) and Eric Christian Olsen ("Dumb and Dumber: When Harry met Lloyd"), with Juergen Prochnow ("Das Boot, The Da Vinci Code") and Academy Award winner Cloris Leachman ("The Last Picture Show, Bad Santa").

"Beerfest" is directed by Chandrasekhar and written by Broken Lizard. Bill Gerber and Richard Perello are the producers, with Michael Reugg, Peter E. Lengyel, Thomas Tull and William Fay serving as executive producers.

The director of photography is Frank G. DeMarco and Clark Hunter is the production designer. The film is edited by Lee Haxall.

Nathan Barr composed the score.

"Beerfest" will be distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company. This film has been rated "R" for "pervasive crude and sexual content, language, nudity and substance abuse."





Campbell opens boundless playground

By Megan Smith

Fort Campbell Courier

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Fort Campbell made history Aug. 4 with the opening of the Army's first handicap-accessible Boundless Playground at the Village Commons in the Hammonds Heights housing area.

The Boundless Playground is equipped with the amenities of a standard playground, but is specially designed to stimulate handicapped children with such developmental disabilities as autism and mental retardation.

To be named a Boundless Playground, 70 percent of the equipment must be handicap-accessible.

"The Boundless Playground is where all children, no matter their disability, can play together," said Mary Elizabeth Hart, Fort Campbell Family Housing communication coordinator. "The good part about having a playground like this one on a military installation is that some of the Soldiers are coming back with physical disabilities and can use the playground to play with their children."

Fort Campbell's Exceptional Family Member Program has more than 3,500 members — one of the highest numbers of any U.S. military installation. EFMP is a program for military children and adults with physical, emotional, developmental or intellectual disorders requiring special treatment.

Many of the members joined the celebration opening the Army's first and the nation's

100th Boundless Playground.

Military spouse Melissa Nelson, whose 11-year-old daughter Jazzmine is wheelchair-bound because of cerebral palsy, said her daughter can finally play with children who are not disabled in a safe atmosphere.

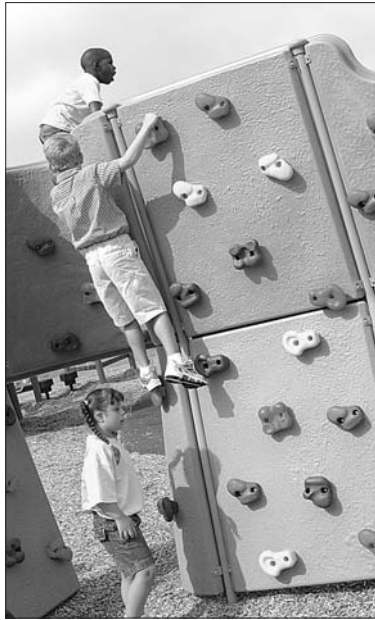
"This is an excellent way for children to play and learn together," Nelson said. "She can now play on the playground with her sister and brother. It's also good therapy and totally accessible for her."

After hip replacement surgery because of an automobile accident 10 years ago, military spouse Nikia Simon was left to walk with a cane the rest of her life. The Boundless Playground allows Simon to play with her 2-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter.

"The playground gives adults with disabilities the ability to play and communicate with their children on another level," Simon said.

"Without the support of the community, local businesses, organizations and individuals, this facility would not have been built or even conceived at Fort Campbell," said Garrison Commander Col. Frederick Swope. "We have such a supportive community that works hard every day to provide our Soldiers with a better life and better lives for their families."

"The playground will play a special support role for our exceptional family members, for our wounded warriors and our families with special needs to enjoy without limitations."



Courier/Taylor

Children play on the Army's first handicap-accessible Boundless Playground at the Village Commons in the Hammonds Heights housing area at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Community news briefly

Teen Center lists activities

Aug. 18 — 8 to 10:30 p.m., middle school and high school "Back to School" dance

Aug. 19 — 6 to 11 p.m., movie night in Manhattan

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Fair admits military free

Everyone showing a military ID card will be admitted free to the state fair in Hutchinson, Kan., Sept. 17.

New classes start in Sept.

Child and Youth Services will start some new classes in September, including gymnastics, cheerleading and dance, private piano lessons, SAT preparation and math tutoring for middle and high school students.

For the most current information about dates, go to www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family/CYS/MiddleSch/InstClasses.asp on the Web.

Enlisted spouses to kick off year

The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses' Club will holding its annual Kick-Off at 3 p.m. Aug. 19 in Wyman Park across from the shoppette on Huebner Road. It will be an ice cream social with a moon bounce and tempo-

rary tattoos for the kids.

Spouses can pick up information about the ESC and other post organizations from booths set up in the park.

Saturday Catholic Mass offered

A Catholic Mass is scheduled at 4:30 p.m. Saturdays in the St. Mary Chapel, 3 Barry Avenue, on post.

For more information, call 239-4815 or 239-3359

Free auto class offered

A free advanced auto repair class is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Auto Skills Center on post.

For more information, call 239-9764

Rally Point sets schedule

Aug. 18 — Family night with movie, dance and buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. and mixed dance night from 8 p.m. to close

Aug. 19 — midnight to 4 a.m., late nite hip hop with DJ Monroe

Aug. 23 — 5 to 9 p.m., wing night, 20 cent wings; 8 p.m. to close, dance music

Aug. 24 — 8 p.m. to close, dance music

Aug. 25 — Family night with movie, dance and buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. and mixed dance night from 8 p.m. to close

For more information, call Rally Point at 784-5434





Soldier's wife wins Fantasy Racing Chase for cash

By Tim Higgs

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A Soldier's wife gained a new appreciation for fantasy sports leagues by winning the Fantasy Racing Chase for the Cash.

Holly Castro won a \$500 prepaid credit card by playing the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored event on a Fantasy Sports Machine inside the Nehelani Club at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

She tallied 3,690 points by selecting a different team of drivers for each of the four NASCAR Nextel Cup races contested between July 1 and 23 at Daytona International Speedway, Chicagoland Speedway, New Hampshire International Speedway and Pocono Raceway.

"I tried to go with Jeff Gordon and Kevin Harvick because I'm more of a Chevy fan," said Castro, 31, who moved to Hawaii from Fort Polk, La. "I think it's awesome because in week one my national rank was 46th. I went from 46 to one."

She did that by studying drivers' past qualifying performances and finishes on the respective race tracks. Reigning Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart, Gordon, Carl Edwards and

Denny Hamlin were the most prominent drivers in her winning form.

Chad Jorstad, who played the game at The Courtyard Recreation and Dining Center on Fort Gordon, Ga., won a \$300 prepaid credit card by finishing second with 3,609 points. David Blackburn, representing the Mitchell Club at Camp Red Cloud, Korea, received a \$150 card for third place.

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Castro, Holly's husband, finished fourth with 3,486 points.

Nobody won the grand prize of \$10,000 awaiting finalists who could predict the top-six finishing order of the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard Aug. 6 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Fantasy leagues — now available in many sports — revolve around the statistics of athletes and teams. Holly got her first taste of the excitement by watching football games last autumn with her husband.

"Last year we won some good stuff, too, with the football," she said. "We won two \$75 gift certificates for NFLShop.com and an autographed football."

Living six hours behind Eastern Standard Time in Hawaii, Holly says her biological NASCAR clock awakes her at 6 a.m. on Sundays to watch her driv-

vers.

The Castros are gearing up for the next MWR-sponsored league: Game Plan 2006, a fantasy football promotion that uses a computer kiosk to track the weekly NFL statistics of participants' teams.

For a list of participating locations and rules, visit www.mwr-promotions.com.

The contest is open to all authorized MWR patrons of legal drinking age: active-duty and reserve-component personnel, retirees, DOD civilians with valid ID cards and their immediate family members. Some MWR employees are ineligible per rule 7a.

Holly was considering applying for a server position at the Nehelani Club until she learned that would make her ineligible to continue playing in the MWR fantasy sports leagues, which has become one of her favorite pastimes.

"I like it because it gives me something to do in a bar and grill," she said. "I can go in there, make my picks, have some food and leave. It gives the Soldiers something to do, too. It gets them involved in MWR activities."

"I would tell people to play. Take a chance. We did, and we won," she pointed out.

Community news briefly

Library features 'fractured tales'

"Fractured Fairytales" will be featured during August story times at the post library. All Fort Riley families are welcome to attend story times at 1:30 or 4 p.m. every Saturday. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

On Aug. 19, the Frog Prince tells what really happened to the frog the princess kissed in "The Frog Prince Continued" by John Scieszka. Don't miss what happens after "happily ever after," when the new prince decides he really just wants to be a frog after all.

The Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (of beanstalk fame) and Three Silly Billies team up to outwit an ugly Troll who demands money to cross the "troll"-bridge. "The Three Silly Billies" by Marge Palatini is featured on Aug. 26.

The post library is located in Building 5306, Hood Drive, on

Custer Hill. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 239-5305.

Crafts center:

Aug. 20 — 1 to 2:30 p.m., scrap booking get together

Aug. 21 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood safety orientation

Aug. 22 — 6 to 9 p.m., matting and framing pictures

Aug. 23 — noon to 1 p.m., Make it, Take it

Open hours for using the Arts and Crafts Center's wood shop, ceramics studio, matting and framing studio, computer lab, photography lab and doing stained glass, sewing, quilting, basket weaving and leatherwork are:

Monday and Tuesday from 1 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Classes are available in the

evenings and on weekends in all program areas. A schedule of upcoming classes is available at the center and in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Guide.

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

Support Center lists activities

Aug. 22 — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., First-Term Soldier Financial Readiness class

Aug. 22 — 6 to 8 p.m., Becoming a Love & Logic Parent class

Aug. 23 — 9 a.m. to noon, Checkbook Management, Banking Services and Basic Budget Development class

Aug. 23 — 1:30 p.m., Permanent Change of Station Briefing — Stateside

Aug. 25 — 8:30 a.m. to noon, Newcomer's Orientation

For more information, call the Soldier Family Support Center at 239-9435.

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approved and the only time the FDA can intervene on the sales of a supplement is if they receive reports from people that is has adverse side effects.

The lack of regulation on this industry is very alarming, however, sales of dietary supplements have nearly tripled since 1994 and the United States leads the world in dietary supplement use. It is reported that a survey of 40,000 hard-core athletes spent an average of \$300 a month on dietary supplements and a survey of 500,000 recreational athletes spent an average of \$80 a month. The most common supplements purchased are multi-vitamins, amino acids and protein supplements.

Recently, the market has become more and more saturated with weight loss supplements. Most of these supplements have little to no scientific evidence that they work, are costly and, because they are not regulated, may contain ingredients that could be dangerous or counter-act with medications.

Anyone who consumes supplements or are considering trying a supplement should take the

following precautions:

First, consult your doctor or a registered dietician before taking any supplement, especially if you are taking any prescribed medications.

Next, do your homework. Research the supplement and its ingredients and check to see if there are any warnings put out by the FDA on the supplement. Two great Web sites to go to for this information is www.consumerlab.com and www.supplement-watch.com.

Next, check for the USP label on the supplement bottle. USP stands for the United States Pharmacopoeia. This is a company that provides standards to supplement companies on their manufacturing processes and purity of their products.

Supplement companies must pay for USP services and those that have the USP label on their bottles tend to have a better product. Remember, though, the ingredients still are not FDA approved nor is there a better chance their product works.

Lastly, know that most supplements, especially in pill form, are poorly absorbed.

Always try to get most of your vitamins, minerals and nutrients from food. Food sources always contain the most absorbable source of any nutrient.

For weight loss or performance enhancing supplement, better results come with diet and exercise than from a pill or powder.

For more information on dietary supplements or other nutrition topics, contact the Nutrition Care Division at 239-7644 or send e-mail to bethany.deschamps@us.army.mil.

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Two teams race to fill bowls, carried in beach towels, with water during Vacation Bible School Aug. 10 at Morris Hill Chapel.

Children seek 'treasure' in Vacation Bible School

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Chester, a puppet who spent a week living in the Morris Hill Chapel sanctuary wondering where his treasure got to, was helped out by the kids at vacation bible school Aug. 8-11.

At each station the gem-named groups got clues to help lead them to Chester's missing loot. The kids scoured treasure maps, made treasure chest cupcakes, listened to bible stories and honed their painting skills doing arts and crafts.

On Aug. 10, the children learned the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet. On the chapel's lawn, the story turned into a race. The two halves of the emerald group, each armed with a sponge, raced across the lawn, swiped their partner's feet with the sponge, handed it off and the next teammate ran off.

After declaring the foot-washing winner, the group circled around to talk about what they had learned that week.

Heading off to their next station, Seashore Bible Stories, the group passed others finishing up arts and crafts and Chester's Challenge, the treasure map activity. In the bible stories, the kids joined along with the chorus as a tape told the story of the day and volunteers acted out the parts of Jesus and his disciples.

"It's a lot of fun," said Sharon Wilson, a member of the emerald group, as she waited for the story time to begin.



The Emerald group listens to the story of Jesus washing his disciples feet during Seashore Bible Stories at Morris Hill Chapel Aug. 10.

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Sports news in brief

Outdoor rec to change hours

Effective Sept. 10, the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center will change its hours of operation. It will be closed Sunday and Monday and open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Bowling league organizing

A new mixed bowling league will begin play at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at Custer Hill Bowling Center on post.

The "Friday Nite Mixed League" is being billed as a "fun league." Bowlers can sign up at the bowling center or call (785) 238-6769.

Junior golf planned

Junior golf will be held for kids ages 5 through 18 at Custer Hill Golf Course Aug. 29 to Oct. 3.

Golfers ages 5 through 10 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Golfers ages 11 through 18 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

The cost is \$60 for six weeks. Ten spaces will be available in each class.

Outdoor rec plans canoe trip

Authorized users of the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center can sign up for an upcoming canoe trip on the Kansas River.

The Aug. 19 trip totals 10.3 miles from the U.S. Highway 24 Bridge to St. George. Participants should plan to be gone between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Cost per person is \$15, which includes rental fees for canoe, paddles and life vest and transportation to and from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Anyone interested should register at the Outdoor Recreation Center, 9011 Rifle Range Road.

For more information, call 239-2363.

Family fitness night scheduled

A family fitness night is scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Fort Riley Teen Center, Building 5800.

The night offers a free opportunity for parents and children to work out and exercise together in a high energy environment.

For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 239-9223 or 239-9200.

Aikido classes offered

Aikido instruction will be offered by Daniel Hayes from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays in Long Fitness Center on Custer Hill.

All Soldiers and Department of Defense family members 18 and older can participate.

For more information, call Sgt. William Kinsman at 239-5716 or staff members at King Field House or send e-mail to william.kinsman@riley.army.mil.

'Phoenix' win



The umpire calls the runner, Curtis Glousen, 610th BSB, out at second base as Josh Wilson, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor turns to field the ball to first base for a double play.

610th BSB takes tourney

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Softball players from 610th Brigade Support Battalion came into the final two games of the post's battalion softball tournament Aug. 12 with one loss, strategy and determination. In order to win, they had to beat the as yet undefeated Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor—twice.

In the first of the final two games, BSB managed to even out the playing field by handing the "Dreadnaught" battalion its first loss, 13-8. Through most of the final game, the two teams went run for run until BSB pulled ahead of the tankers to win the tournament trophy, 6-5.

Gary Ream, 610th BSB pitcher, attributed the team's win to their strategy of keeping the big guys from hitting hard, keeping the rest of the balls on the ground and, most importantly, teamwork. "You can't take one person out of the equation and expect to win," he said.

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Joseph Lute, 610th BSB, throws the ball to his teammate Jeffrey Rice as Kurt Myers, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor slides into third base during the battalion softball tournament Aug. 12.

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Stakes in lives, not points

'Ranger' champ uses wrestling experience in combatives

By Richard Eichbauer
4th IBCT

Standing taller than 6 feet and weighing more than 200 pounds, 2nd Lt. Brandon Bear has the stature to match his name.

During the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's Dragon Week, the mortar platoon leader for the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, "Rangers" represented his unit with the strength, determination and will that characterizes the "Rangers."

Battalion competitors captured first and second places in the Brigade Open Combatives Tournament. Bear took first. "I know a few basic moves that get me by," Bear said. "The big thing is staying in good position, which they (battalion combatives instructors) preach all the time. That is going to set you up for everything else. If you stay in good position and work to better your position as opposed to just trying random things, you're going to do a lot better."

With a father who wrestled, it was natural for Bear to show an interest in the sport as well. In the sixth grade, Bear followed his dad's path by finding other schools with wrestling programs because of the lack of one at his.

In high school, Bear made the varsity team as a freshman. He eventually went to the state meet, but he never placed. To further disappoint him, he was passed up by larger colleges and settled on a junior college in Modesto, Calif.

While there, he placed second at his state meet during his sopho-

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Brown reclaims point lead

Army News Service

BRAINERD, Minn. — U.S. Army Pro Stock Motorcycle pilot Antron Brown earned his second win this season in the Lucas Oil Nationals at Brainerd International Raceway Aug. 13. In Top Fuel, U.S. Army driver Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher advanced to his fifth straight final, but lost to Brandon Bernstein.

In other action, Brown's U.S. Army Pro Stock Motorcycle teammate, Angelle Sampey, was disqualified for being under weight after a first-round win.

Once Brown disposed of Steve Johnson in the final round with a 7.108-second pass at 186.85 mph, he moved back into the point lead for the first time since he won at Atlanta in May. He now leads Andrew Hines by 15 points.

"It's definitely a wonderful feeling," he said. "But, I really wanted to win this race regardless of the standings situation. You might recall that I gave away a sure win in Sonoma, Calif., two weeks ago. I needed

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Fall hunting season right around corner

By Alan Hynek

Fish and wildlife biologist

Although the "dog days" of summer are still upon us, it is not too early to start thinking about the fall hunting seasons. The following information contains the basic information you will need to get prepared for the season. Additional information can be obtained at the Conservation Office in Building 1020 and from the Fort Riley Web page at www.riley.army.mil. All appropriate state licenses and permits are required to hunt on post in addition to a Fort Riley Hunting Permit. All state

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vendors. 2006 Fort Riley Deer Permits: All deer hunters, including archery, muzzleloader and firearms are required to receive a pre-hunt briefing at the Conservation Office. Deer permit briefings will be available at the Conservation Office during normal business hours beginning on Sept. 5. Additional off-hours briefings can be arranged by appointment. The briefing will take about 10 minutes.

Upon completion of the briefing, each individual will be

issued a "2006 Fort Riley Deer Permit" that will allow them to hunt during the early muzzleloader, regular firearms, youth/handicap and archery season. Regular firearms permits are further limited to no more than two per individual (one either sex and one antlerless or two antlerless).

The early muzzleloader season will be Sept. 9-22 and the youth/handicap season will be Sept. 23-24.

The archery season will be Oct. 1 through Dec. 31 and the regular firearms season will be

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Nemechek's strong performance short-changed

Army News Service

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Joe Nemechek was cruising along at Watkins Glen International. Everything was going according to form for the U.S. Army Team. The pit strategy was working and the 01 Chevrolet was mowing through traffic. But just past the halfway mark in the Aug. 13 Nextel Cup race, disaster struck Nemechek—twice.

After starting 37th, Nemechek steadily picked off positions and was running 16th when he got spun out on Lap 53 of 90 on the 2.45-mile road circuit.

"The 66 (Jeff Green) got me in the inner loop," said Nemechek, who had a disappointing 42nd-place result. "I don't know what his problem is, but he definitely has a problem. I was just the victim."

The incident forced Nemechek to make an unscheduled pit stop

with heavy damage to the left rear quarter panel of his Army Chevrolet. When he returned to action he was relegated to the rear of the field.

"That was a major setback, but we were still looking to salvage a decent finish," Nemechek offered. "We had damage but the Army Chevy was strong and I felt we had time to get through traffic again. But a short time later we got clobbered big time and our day was ended."

On Lap 63, Nemechek was again a victim. This time in a multi-car wreck that took out his teammate, Sterling Marlin.

"It was just like what happens on the freeway when they have one of those accordion wrecks," Nemechek noted. "Everybody kept piling into each other."

The damage was so severe to Nemechek's car that he was unable to drive it back to the

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Sports news briefly

Field house activities listed

Aug. 19 – 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Spinning
Aug. 20 – 2 to 4 p.m., Family skate at Riley Wheels, \$1 per ID card holder
Aug. 21 – 9 to 10 a.m., Spinning
Aug. 21 – Noon to 1 p.m., Yoga
Aug. 21 – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Turbo Kick
Aug. 21 – 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Total Body Toning
Aug. 22 – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., PT Power Time
Aug. 22 – 6 to 7 p.m., Spinning
Aug. 23 – 9 to 10 a.m., Spinning
Aug. 23 – Noon to 1 p.m., Yoga
Aug. 24 – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., Spinning
Aug. 24 – 9 to 10 a.m., Turbo Kick
Aug. 24 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Spinning
Aug. 24 – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Spinning
 For more information, call 239-2813.

Pool classes, activities listed

Aug. 21 – 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Eyster Pool, Abs/Buns & Thighs
Aug. 22 – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Eyster Pool, Water Aerobics
Aug. 22 – 5 to 6 p.m., Eyster Pool, Water Aerobics
Aug. 23 – 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Eyster Pool, Abs/Buns & Thighs
Aug. 24 – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Eyster Pool, Water Aerobics
Aug. 25 – 8 to 10 p.m., Custer Hill Pool, Family Fun Night
 For more information, call 239-4854.

Firearms range confirms dates

Fort Riley's Range 9 for privately owned firearms is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for use on weekends by authorized patrons. Confirmed open dates are Aug. 26 and 27 weather permitting. The range may be open other days or those confirmed dates may change. Anyone wanting to use the range should first check with Outdoor Rec at 239-2249 to confirm the range is open.

The range is usually open despite inclement weather. If the range is to be closed because of severe weather or extreme cold or heat, the range officer scheduled for duty will notify Range Control and Outdoor Recreation.

Military police man the gate to the range area and inspect for range pass and that all weapons have the proper Provost Marshal's Office registrations. The vehicle pass for the range can be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Firearms owners also can register weapons at the Outdoor Rec Center, although it is recommended owners take a list of their weapons and serial numbers they wish to shoot at Range 9 to the PMO's Physical Security Office. Staff in that office will issue the proper paper work once the process is completed.

All users of the POF Range must possess a valid Department of Defense ID card and a Fort Riley weapons registration form for their firearm. All users of the POF range must have a valid POV pass before driving north of Vinton School Road.

All shooters must bring their own hearing protection. No water is available at Range 9. Target stands and targets are available at no charge at Range 9.



610th BSB catcher Robert Kelley snags the ball as Aaron Sims, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, slides into home plate trying to beat the ball back from the right field fence for a homerun in the bottom of the fifth inning of the battalion softball tournament's final game Aug. 12.

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Play got tense in the fourth inning with the score tied at 4-4. BSB started off the inning by racking up three outs with the first three batters.

The "Dreadnaughts" didn't fare much better, getting just one more batter up to the plate before getting their third out.

In the fifth inning, the two teams tied the score again at 5-5, with Aaron Sims, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor's, first batter to the plate, hitting a homerun.

The sixth inning went much the same as the fourth with neither team scoring.

Jeffrey Rice and Alfred Kimball started it off for BSB by each popping a ball to left and earning outs.

Joseph Lute, the next up, walked to first, and then stole his way to second when Darrin Lauer popped a single to center field.

Michael Reynolds hit a grounder to second base, making his way to first but Lauer was put out at second.

The Armor got four players to the plate in the sixth inning. Lou Rodriguez, the first batter up, made it to first with a hit to left

center but didn't make it any farther. The next batter hit a single toward first base and BSB made the out at second.

The next two batters, John Griffith and Roel Garcia each hit outfield flies that were caught to end the inning.

With two outs in the top of the seventh, BSB rallied to eke out one more run and claim the trophy.

Curtis Glousen led off the final inning with a double to right center. The next two batters were put out, but Glousen made his way to third and scored before the last out.

Pumped up by their one lead run and determined to keep it that way, BSB faced three up and put three down in the bottom of the seventh to secure their spot as battalion level softball champions.

"They had great heart today," said Eddie Fields, the battalion's command sergeant major, who joined the team on the field as they accepted their pile of championship T-shirts and the post championship trophy.

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Tournament Scores

2nd Bn., 34th Armor, defeated 1st Eng. Bn., 22-18
610th BSB defeated MEDDAC/DENTAC, 9-7
2nd Bn., 34th Armor, defeated 610th BSB, 18-6
MEDDAC/DENTAC defeated 1st Eng. Bn., 15-3
610th BSB defeated MEDDAC/DENTAC, 21-14
610th BSB defeated 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 13-8
610th BSB defeated 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 6-5

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Nov. 24-26, Dec. 16-20 and Dec. 27-30.

As mentioned before, firearms tags are limited. The application period for either sex firearms tags is Oct. 1-31. The drawing will be Nov. 2. A leftover drawing will occur on Nov. 20.

Fall turkey:

The fall turkey season on Fort Riley will be Oct. 1 through Nov. 28, Dec. 11-31 and Jan. 8-31. Hunters may possess one turkey tag and up to three game tags.

Elk:

If you are lucky enough to be drawn for a Kansas elk tag, Fort Riley is the place to be. In recent years, the application period for Kansas elk tags has been mid-June to mid-July. If you weren't lucky on the draw, you still have the opportunity to enjoy the state's only free ranging elk herd through binoculars or the camera lens.

Upland game and migratory birds:

Fall hunting seasons begin with mourning doves Sept. 1

through Oct. 14, with a second dove season running Nov. 1-16.

The early teal season has not been finalized, but it is generally from mid-through late-September.

Prairie chicken season will consist of an early season Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 and a late season Nov. 18 Jan. 31.

Something new this year is that the pheasant and quail seasons open on separate weekends. Pheasant season will open Nov. 4 and run through Jan. 31. Quail season will open Nov. 11 and end a week earlier than usual, on Jan. 21.

Please note that the military mission has precedence over the announced hunting seasons. The Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at anytime without prior notice because of military activities. Security measures may be implemented at any time without notice.

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USAMU Soldier wins top prize at match

By Paula J. Randall

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

FORT BENNING, Ga. – A Soldier and civilian from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit won the national service rifle and high-power rifle championships at the National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, Aug. 6-10.

USAMU service rifle shooter Sgt. 1st Class Lance S. Hopper won the National Service Rifle Championship. Spc. Tyrel L. Cooper took second place and Sgt. 1st Class Grant L. Singley was third.

Hopper also was awarded the Mountain Man Trophy awarded to the competitor with the highest overall aggregate in the President's Hundred, National Trophy Individual and National Trophy Team Matches.

Troy A. Lawton, USAMU chief of match ammunition research and development, took third place overall in the National Highpower Rifle Championship. He also won the Marine Gunner D.I. Boyd II Memorial Trophy, the Crowell Trophy and the Nevada Trophy, finished second in the Navy Cup, the Vandenberg Cup and the Erdman Trophy matches and was third in the Centenary Trophy Aggregate.

Spc. Brandon K. Green won the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match, in which Hopper took third place. Green received an M-1 Garand and the Daniel Boone Trophy. Green also won the Interservice Rifle Championship.

To recognize Green's wins at the Interservice and National Matches, Brig. Gen. Dennis Rogers, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Accessions Command, promoted Green on stage from specialist to sergeant during the National Matches Awards Ceremony.

Sgt. 1st Class Lance D. Dement was the winner of the President's Hundred Rifle Match, for which he received the President's Rifle Trophy plaque, an M-1 rifle and a letter of congratulations from President Bush.

Singley won the McCann Tro-



Courtesy photo

Sgt. 1st Class Lance S. Hopper, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, won the National Service Rifle Championship at Camp Perry, Ohio, Aug. 6-10. He was also awarded the Mountain Man Trophy.

phy. Staff Sgt. Daniel M. Pettry was second and Dement finished third.

Third place went to Staff Sgt. Daniel M. Pettry in the Members Trophy Match, to Singley in the Appreciation Cup Match, to Cooper in the Scott Trophy Match and to Hopper in the Nevada Trophy Match.

The team of Hopper and Singley won the Hearst Doubles Match. The team of Cooper and Sgt. 1st Class Norman L. Anderson took second place.

The USAMU Service Rifle Team, coached by Hopper and captained by Anderson, won the Infantry Trophy Team Match. The team consisted of Sgt. 1st Class Jason M. St. John, Staff Sgt. Emil Praslick III, Staff Sgt. Tobie L. Tomlinson, Singley, Green and Cooper.

St. John coached the winning USAMU Service Rifle Team in the Enlisted Men's Trophy Team Match in which the USAMU Praslick's Team finished second. St. John's and Praslick's teams took second and third place in the RNDC Trophy Team Match.

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garage. As he was being observed and released in the infield medical center, his car was being towed to the garage, where it was loaded in the team's hauler.

"This is getting to be very aggravating," Nemechek said. "Ever since we started to improve our performance, our momentum has gotten halted by being in the wrong place at the wrong time. In the last month, we have made some good gains, but can't get the finishes to coincide with our performances."

Nemechek will attempt to break the jinx Aug. 18-20 when the Nextel Cup Series will be at Michigan International Speedway.



ANS/Copeland

Joe Nemechek finished 42nd in Aug. 13's Nextel Cup road race at Watkins Glen, N.Y.

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more year, but the Division I schools usually don't look to bring in community college wrestlers unless they win first place.

However, UC Davis gave him a shot; and with a little bit of skill, Bear progressed through the ranks to finishing third in the PAC 10. He eventually fulfilled his dream by competing in a national Division I championship.

With his days of college wrestling behind him, Bear found a new challenge in modern army combatives. Unlike wrestling, Army combatives is less of a sport because the stakes are measured in lives, not points.

While the similarities between wrestling and combatives are based on controlling an opponent on the ground, wrestling focuses mainly on pins whereas grappling stresses submission techniques.

Wrestling has helped him with combatives, Bear said.

"For sure, yeah. Definitely in the positions, when you get the mount, side mount, side control. Hips, being able to keep the guy from rolling over or you know when he's going to roll over, little things that wrestling helped with," Bear reasoned.

One reason for the easy adjustment from wrestler to combatives champ is the atmosphere and

encouragement 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., has provided.

The battalion built its own combatives room complete with mats, striking pads, gloves and full contact suits.

Bear, who has had many coaches, said the battalion's instructors are skilled and knowledgeable. They are willing to work with Soldiers, and are practitioners who have either competed in the past or are still competing.

All of these factors make it easy to conduct combatives on a regular basis with the "Rangers."

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to bounce back in a big way, especially for our Soldiers. I owed them a victory."

This was the fourth win at BIR for Brown.

Sampey took care of Ryan Schmitz in the opening round of eliminations with a solid 7.120-second pass at 187.03 mph, but she failed to pass the NHRA's post-race minimum weight requirement (615 pounds) on the way back to the pits and her run was thrown out.

The loss for Sampey, who came into the race second in the standings, was especially costly as the point leader, Andrew Hines, fouled out in his first round race.

"The window of opportunity was open as far as the points were concerned, but it just slammed

down on me," she said. "It's tough to take this, I have to tell you. It's so hard to explain the fact that before the race we were spot on with the weight and then we came up five pounds short afterwards."

"I'm just going to have to put this out of my mind and start thinking about Memphis next weekend (Aug18-20). With five races to go (in the Pro Stock Motorcycle season), there's certainly time for me to rebound."

Sampey now holds fourth-place in the standings, 51 points removed from Brown.

After earning his eighth pole of the season, Schumacher was running "on rails" until the final round when he smoked the tires against Bernstein.

Schumacher managed to beat

point leader Doug Kalitta in the second round to further cut into his lead. He's now tied for second with teammate Melanie Troxel.

They're both 81 points in back of Kalitta.

"As always, when you get to the finals, you clearly want to finish the deal," Schumacher said. "But we did get some more points back, and that's important. It looks like it's going to be an exciting finish this season."

In six races, Schumacher has sliced 255 points off the lead. He's also moved up five spots in the standings.

Aug. 18-20, Schumacher, Sampey and Brown head to Memphis Motorsports Park for the O'Reilly Mid-South Nationals.



2 Soldiers qualify for NATO chess

By Tim Hips

Army News Service

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Two Soldiers earned berths in the NATO Chess Championships by virtue of their top-six finishes in the 2006 Inter-Service Chess Championships June 12-15 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

Reigning All-Army chess champion 2nd Lt. Arthur Macaspac of Fort Hood, Texas, and Lt. Col. David Hater of Fort McPherson, Ga., placed fourth and fifth, respectively. They qualified to compete in the 17th annual NATO Chess Championships scheduled Aug. 20-26 at Wellington College in Crowthorne, England.

Hater is scheduled to make his eighth appearance in the NATO Championships.

"It's probably the highest level of competition I've ever been able to play in," said Hater, 40, who has competed at NATO tournaments in Norway, Denmark, France, England, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

"In the Netherlands in 2004, I actually achieved a World Chess Federation rating for the first time. Even though I'm one of the best players in the Army, I normally finish in the middle of the field in NATO," he said.

The Army placed more than one representative on the U.S. military team for the NATO Championships for the first time since 2001 when Sgt. Rudy Tia Jr., Spc. Joseph Kruml and Staff Sgt. Charles Costales swept the top three spots at the Inter-Service Championships.

Master Sgt. Andre Hortillosa of Fort Polk, La., finished 15th in the seven-round Swiss tournament waged between six-man teams from the U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. A 10-time member of the All-Army chess team, Hortillosa, 44, competed in six NATO Championships. He plans to retire from the Army next June.

Air Force won the Inter-Service team title with 26.5 points, followed by Navy (20.5), Marine Corps (18) and short-handed Army (12). Because of budget restraints, the Army did not field a full team, said Kris D'Alessandro, recreation center program manager at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

After serving nearly a decade

in the Navy without getting to play in the Inter-Service Chess Championships, Macaspac, 32, wasn't about to be denied this opportunity.

"When I was active duty back in 1994 until '98, there was no funding for the Navy, so I didn't have a chance to play," he said.

"When I got out and joined the reserves, they said I couldn't play because I was in the reserves. That's why I'm so grateful now to qualify to play NATO."

Navy Personnelman 1st Class Narciso Victoria won the Inter-Service individual crown for the third consecutive year. Stationed at Naval Support Activity in Philadelphia, Victoria is a master-rated player with a U.S. Chess Federation rating of 2,202. His only loss in the tourney was a first-round setback at the hands of 11th-place finisher Master Gunner Sgt. James Adkins of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

Air Force Master Sgt. Dan Ranario of Pope Air Force Base, N.C., finished second, followed by teammate Staff Sgt. Robert Bucholtz of Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

Marine Corps Master Gunner

Sgt. Dwaine Roberts, who finished ninth, completed the U.S. military team for the NATO Championships. The top finisher from each branch of service earns a spot on Team USA.

Hater said this is one of the strongest U.S. teams in recent memory.

"I think we actually have a chance of winning a medal with one master and five experts (based on USCF ratings) on the team this year," he said. "To the best of my knowledge, we haven't had six experts or better in quite some time. A bronze (team medal) is a very realistic goal. If we could somehow get silver, I would be ecstatic."

Although the odds are stacked against Team USA winning the NATO championship, Hater said Soldiers relish competing at the pinnacle of military chess.

"It's a tremendous honor anytime you get to represent your country in anything," he said. "We get to meet other Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines from other countries. We establish friendships with them and I think that's important, too."

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, August 18, 2006

Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Aug. 18 — The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) 108 min
Aug. 19 — You, Me, and Dupree (PG-13) 108 min
Aug. 20 — Little Man (PG-13) 97 min
Aug. 24 — You, Me, and Dupree (PG-13) 108 min
Aug. 25 — Little Man (PG-13) 97 min

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Lawrence:

What: Family Arts Festival and free outdoor concert featuring The Walin' Jennys

When: 6 p.m., Aug. 18
Where: 1600 Stewart Dr., Lied Center of Kansas
Phone: (785) 864-2787
Web site: www.led.ku.edu

Manhattan:

What: "Recent Works" by Kari Lennartson. Art exhibit of bold abstract paintings that explore the various meanings of "home."

When: Through Sept. 2. Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz Avenue
Admission: Free
Web site: www.manhattanarts.org

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What: Purple Power Play on Poyntz. Pep rally to kick off Kansas State University Wildcats' football season. Music, entertainment, and large fireworks display.

When: Aug. 31 through Sept. 1
Where: 3rd and Poyntz Avenue
Phone: (785) 537-9683
Web site: http://www.downtown.manhattankans.org

Abilene:

What: Woods Tea Company. Folk music group that adds humor and audience participation to their performances.

When: 2 p.m. Sept. 10
Where: Abilene High School auditorium
Admission: \$10. Tickets available through the Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce, (785) 263-1770.

Wichita:

What: Flight festival. Some of the top air show performances in the nation.

Enjoy air shows, stunts, aviation displays, exhibits and kids' activities. Celebrate the past, present and future of aviation at this fun festival.

When: Aug. 25-27
Where: 3512 N. Webb Road, Colonel James Jabara Airport
Phone: (316) 267-2817
Web site: http://www.wichita festivals.com

Topeka:

What: Inter-Tribal Pow Wow. Join the celebration of Native American culture with dancing in full costume and food and crafts by Native Americans artisans.

When: Sept. 1-3
Where: Lake Shawnee, Reynolds Lodge
Phone: (785) 272-5489

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What: Huff N Puff Balloon Rally. Twenty to 25 balloons from all over the Great Plains take flight over Lake Shawnee. This rally kicks off with a spectacular night illumination followed by two days full of various balloon flights and breath-taking races, which take place in the early morning and evening hours.

When: Sept. 8-10
Where: Tinman Circle, Lake Shawnee
Phone: (785) 554-2003

Museum sets Friendship Fair

*By Gaylynn Childs**GCHS Executive Director*

The Geary County Historical Society will host its third annual Friendship Fair accompanied by the much longer running Ice Cream Social from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Sept. 10 on the grounds west of the museum building at 530 N. Adams Street in Junction City.

This year's gathering will again feature homemade ice cream provided by Munson Farms, home-baked pastries and

pies prepared by the best cooks in Geary County, brats and burgers grilled to perfection by the Junction City Police Department and thirst-quenching drinks courtesy of Russ Bolland's Pepsi Wagon.

These culinary treats will be accompanied by live music performed by area musicians throughout the afternoon and fun games and activities for the children.

A new feature this year will be a "Crafter's Lane" that will feature local craft and antique vendors' booths set up along the

fence west of the big tent. Guests can shop for handcrafted items, Kansas country antiques and seasonal decor. This area is taking the place of the popular County Store that was "done in" this year by the drought and lack of garden produce.

Also, the "Old Tyme Photo Tent" that was popular last year will again be offering the chance to get photos of the kids made while dressed in old-fashioned clothes like Grandpa or Grandma would have worn.

All members of the community

are invited to attend this old-fashioned hometown social, and newcomers to the community, especially military families, are extended a special invitation to join us.

Embarq will be providing coupons for free ice cream and treats for all military guests and their dependents who show their military IDs at the Embarq tent that day.

Proceeds from this event go toward the GCHS Museum Operating Fund and community programs.

2006-2007 McCain Performance Series includes dogs, princesses, nutcrackers

*By Erinn Barcomb-Peterson**Kansas State University*

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State University's 2006-2007 McCain Performance Series plans to take audiences to worlds where inflatable dogs walk, nutcrackers dance and princesses sleep for 100 years.

Audiences also will be able to commiserate with a troubled Danish prince and travel Spain with a man who imagines himself to be a knight.

The series begins Sept. 15 with laughs on "The Capitol Steps" in Washington, D.C., and ends April 21, 2007, in a fairytale, with "Sleeping Beauty" awakening after a good century's rest.

Tickets for individual performances go on sale Aug. 21 and are available through the McCain box office at (785) 532-6428 or online at <http://www.k-state.edu/mccain/>. General audience tickets range from \$15 to \$40, with children's tickets half-price. Discounts are available for senior citizens, faculty and military personnel.

The 2006-2007 series includes:

"The Capitol Steps" at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15.

The comedy troupe of former congressional staffers pokes fun at the events and personalities on Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office and other centers of power and prestige around the world.

Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater at 3 p.m. Sept. 17.

"Pneumatic wizard" Fred Garbo joins ballerina Daielma Santos and a cast of inflatable characters for physical comedy, dance and juggling in a family oriented performance.

Ballet Folklorico de Mexico de Amalia Hernandez at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1.

The internationally acclaimed dance company explores the history, traditions and customs of Mexico with lavish costumes, breathtaking sets and beautiful music.

Robert Belinic at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6.

The Croatian guitarist who won first prize at the 2002 Young Concert Artists International Auditions brings a sense of theater to his performance.

"Hamlet" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20.

The London Stage, one of the oldest touring Shakespearean theater companies in the world, returns to McCain with a story of murder, betrayal and tragedy.

Vienna Piano Trio at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22, in All Faiths Chapel.

The trio brings together violin, cello and piano in a silken and homogenous sound.

Jupiter String Quartet at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17.

The award-winning Boston-based group combines its members' gifts on the viola, violin and cello.

"The Hollywood Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1.

The familiar holiday story as Garbo and Grable might have told it, dressed in the Art Deco dreamscapes and glamorous costumes of Hollywood's golden age of the 1930s.

Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3, 2007.

The New York-based group is a creative outlet for some of the nation's foremost performers, composers and arrangers.

"The Barber of Seville" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9.

An orchestra joins in a performance of Rossini's comedic opera that gave birth to the famous refrain, "Figaro, Figaro, Figaro!"

"Man of La Mancha" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14.

Dream "The Impossible Dream" with Don Quixote in a retelling of the Spanish tale with lights, costumes, dancing and music.

Leahy at 7:30 p.m. March 4.

Nine siblings bring their infectious blend of Celtic, folk, country

classical and pop music to life with energy and some dancing thrown in, too.

National Philharmonic of Russia at 7:30 p.m. March 10.

Vladimir Putin commissioned the orchestra that serves as a major musical institution and cultural ambassador for post-reconstruction Russia.

Steve Osborne at 7:30 p.m. March 15.

The British concert pianist embodies a wide range of styles and repertoires from the works of Beethoven, Mozart and Brahms, as well as lesser-known composers.

"Sleeping Beauty" at 7:30 p.m. April 21.

The full-length ballet with orchestra tells the familiar story of a princess who falls asleep for 100 years and awakens by the kiss of a handsome prince.

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